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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants submit this paper in response to the final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 28, 2005, in the above-identified patent application, and in reply to the Examiner's Response in the Advisory Action issued on February 15, 2006, in the above-identified patent application..

This paper is being submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination, a Petition for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on March 28, 2006. Applicants believe that no additional fee is due; however, if any additional fee is due upon submission of this paper, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Response, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.